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Traffic Detours in Effect October 11 During Fall Festival

The following street closures and traffic detours will be in effect from 5:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. October 11 during the Fall Festival. Information: 703-385-7924.

Route 236/Main Street — Closed from West Street to East Street; traffic will be detoured to North Street.

University Drive — Closed from North Street to School street; traffic will be detoured to Route 123/Chain Bridge Road via North Street.

Armstrong Street — Closed from Route 123/Chain Bridge Road to Linden Street.

Economic Development Office Offers e-Newsletter

The City of Fairfax Economic Development Office (EDO) has begun publishing a monthly e-newsletter titled *EDO Update*, found on the Economic Development Office page on the city website.

EDO Update features information regarding business in the city, including upcoming business-related events, current initiatives being conducted by the office, a list of new and relocated businesses in the city, as well as photos from city events in the business community.

Information: 703-385-7851.

If you're new to the city, welcome!
Call 703-385-7800
for new resident information.

Fall Festival Set for October 11

This year's Fall Festival will be held October 11 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Old Town Fairfax, with four stages of entertainment, amusement rides and more than 400 fine artisans, food and more lining the historic streets.

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Advisory Referendum on Ballot for November 4 General Election

The City Charter of the City authorizes the City Council to conduct an advisory referendum on any question relating to the affairs of the city. Currently, City Councilmembers, the Mayor and the members of the School Board serve two-year terms and all of the terms run concurrently.

In 2013, the City Charter Commission recommended changing the length of terms of office from two years to four years for the City Councilmembers, the Mayor and the members of the School Board. The full report of the City Charter Commission is available in the Mayor and City Council section of the city website.

The City Council determined that a Charter change of this significance should be placed before the voters before seeking General Assembly approval for any change. On January 28, 2014, the City Council adopted a resolution to authorize proceeding with the requirements for placing an advisory referendum on the November 4, 2014, general election ballot with respect to the following question:

ADVISORY REFERENDUM

Do you support changing the length of the terms of office for City Councilmembers, the Mayor, and the members of the School Board, from the current two (2) years to four (4) years?

☐ YES ☐ NO

The results of this referendum are not binding on the City Council, and the City Council will discuss the results of the referendum, and the issue of length of terms generally, at a City Council meeting after November 4, 2014.

The City Council may decide to leave the terms for the above offices as they exist currently (i.e. two years) or request that the General Assembly change the City Charter of the City to provide for a change in the length of the terms. Any change in the City Charter will require a public hearing and formal action by the City Council prior to proceeding.

This is the only information regarding the advisory referendum that will be distributed by the city. For more information, please contact the Mayor or City Councilmembers (*see back page for contact information*).

City **NEWS** AND Notes

eMAS Service Ends October 1; Stay Informed With Fairfax City Alert



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eMAS subscribers will stop receiving messages on October 1 unless they have enrolled in Fairfax City Alert (www.fairfaxva.gov/fairfaxcityalert).

Fairfax City Alert provides multiple options for receiving messages: text, e-mail, phone, mobile app. Subscribers may select any of the categories offered by the city, covering city services and emergencies. Subscriber information is secure and will not be shared.

Information: CityAlert@fairfaxva.gov.

Town-Gown Meeting Set for October 1

City residents are invited to the Mason and Community Forum at 7:30 p.m. October 1 at Kings Park Library, 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Information: 703-993-8846.

Virginia Sales Tax Holiday Offered October 10-13

The Virginia Department of Taxation offers a four-day sales tax holiday October 10-13, during which no Virginia sales tax will be collected on qualifying energy-saving items. The exemption applies to the purchase of certain qualified Energy Star and WaterSense products purchased for non-commercial use and costing \$2,500 or less.

Qualifying items include dishwashers, clothes washers, refrigerators, air conditioners, ceiling fans, compact fluorescent light bulbs and programmable thermostats that carry the Energy Star designation.

Qualifying WaterSense items include bathroom sink faucets, faucet accessories and toilets. Information: (804) 367-8031.

Chocolate Lovers Festival Grant Applications Now Accepted

The Chocolate Lovers Festival Committee seeks nominations for its annual grant program. Grant applications are accepted by the committee through November 14.

Non-profit organizations applying for the grant must be located in the city — or, if located outside the city, must provide service directly to city residents.

Grant recipients will receive a portion of the event's proceeds. For an application, call 703-385-7949 or e-mail Leslie.Herman@fairfaxva.gov.

Photo ID Required for Voting in Virginia

Virginia voters must present one of the following forms of photo identification when voting: valid Virginia driver's license; DMV-issued photo ID card; valid U.S. passport; valid employee photo ID card; other federal, Virginia or Virginia sub-division government-issued valid photo ID card; or valid college or university student photo ID card for an institution of higher education in Virginia.

Voters who do not have an acceptable form of photo ID may obtain a free ID through their local voter registration office. Information: 703-385-7890.

Craft Show, Lights and Carols On the Horizon

The city ends the year with two popular events: the Holiday Craft Show and the Festival of Lights and Carols. Information: 703-385-7858.

The Holiday Craft Show will fill Fairfax High School with hundreds of crafters from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. November 15 and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. November 16. Admission is \$5 each day for adults or \$8 for a two-day pass, free for children age 17 and younger.

Shuttles will be available from 9:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. November 15 from Democracy Square, 10340 Democracy Square.

Ring in the holiday season December 6

at the Festival of Lights and Carols at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway.

Youngsters up to age 10 can enjoy lunch with Santa Claus at 11 a.m., noon and 1 p.m. December 6. Tickets cost \$8 per child and go on sale November 3 at the Parks and Recreation Department offices in City Hall, Sherwood Center and Green Acres Center.

Activities that will take place throughout the day at the Sherwood Center include a Winter Wonderland and the annual ceremonial lighting of the Christmas tree.

25TH SEASON OF THE BONITA LESTINA Old Town Hall Performance Series 2014-2015

Free Admission Fridays at 8 pm

3999 University Drive
Fairfax, VA 22030

OCTOBER 10

Amici Vocal Ensemble
An Evening of Opera Arias

OCTOBER 24

United States Navy Band—Skipjack Quartet
Latin & Jazz

NOVEMBER 14

Beau Soir Trio
Music for Flute, Viola & Harp

DECEMBER 12

Ensemble PVS
Folk to Art:
Edward Grieg

JANUARY 9

The Bravura Ensemble
Chamber Music Classics

JANUARY 23

Mpingo
Portraits for Wind Ensembles

FEBRUARY 13

Dancing Heart
Innovative Music for Flute, Percussion & Piano

FEBRUARY 27

United States Army Band "Pershing's Own"—Downrange
Rock, Pop & Country

MARCH 13

Potomac Accordion Ensemble
Popular & Classical Accordion Tunes

MARCH 27

Lyric Impact
Flute & Mallets - Music of Color & Soul

APRIL 10

The Bobby Jasinski Jazz Trio
Great American Songbook, Standards, & Original Music

APRIL 24

Raffi Kasparian & Roman Kasparian
Father-Son Piano Duo

City Launches Mobile App

Take the City of Fairfax wherever you go, courtesy of the city's new free app, launched in time for the Fall Festival October 11.

The app, for use on iOS and Android systems, keeps city information and services at your fingertips.

Want to contact the Mayor and City Council? Choose your method and launch with a click.

Need to catch up on city news? Click on the "news" link for headlines (and easy access to stories).

Looking for a park to visit? Click on "Park Finder" for a map and list of city parks.

Seeking city schools? Click on "School Finder" for a map and list of city schools.

App features special to the Fall Festival include entertainment information, vendor list, events schedule and map, parking map and more.

App users also can connect to the city's social media accounts easily from the home screen.

Information: WeCare@fairfaxva.gov.

Attend Workshop for Vision of Fairfax, Mason November 6-8

The City of Fairfax community and the Mason Nation are invited to attend some or all of a three-day planning workshop to be held November 6-8 by the City of Fairfax and George Mason University.

The workshop, called a "charrette," will explore various short- and long-term visions for the city's historic downtown area.

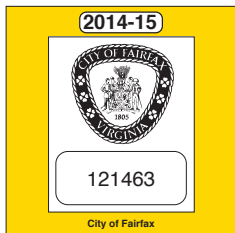
Facilitated by the Northern Virginia Regional Commission, the workshop will look at several aspects of downtown planning, including transportation, community development/design issues, economic development and housing. This type of public

input-based planning process has been used in other Northern Virginia communities and can be a successful way to ensure multiple viewpoints are heard.

On November 6-7, sessions will be held at the Sherwood Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway. The session November 8 will be held at City Hall, 10455 Armstrong Street.

Look for information, including a detailed agenda, on the city website (www.fairfaxva.gov/VisionFairfaxMason). Stay connected on Twitter: @VisionFfxMason. On social media, follow or use #VisionFairfaxMason.

Information: 703-385-7930.



Personal Property Tax, Decal Payments Due October 6

Personal property tax bills and vehicle decal bills are combined on one form, and pay-

ments for personal property taxes and vehicle decals are due by October 6. Payments received or postmarked after October 6 will incur a 10 percent penalty plus interest. To avoid long lines and delays, promptly check the bill and report changes to the Commissioner of the Revenue at 703-385-7880.

Bills may be paid in person at City Hall, by mail, online or via City Hall drop-boxes (check only).

Citizens may pay taxes and decal fees online through the city's website using a credit card or e-check. Credit card payments are charged an additional fee by the service provider. There is no additional fee for e-

checks.

The offices of the Treasurer and the Commissioner of the Revenue in City Hall are open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., as well as from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, October 4, and 5-7 p.m. Monday, October 6.

The 2014 personal property tax rate is \$4.13 per \$100 of assessed value. The commonwealth will pay 50.85 percent of assessed value for personal use vehicles valued at less than \$20,000. The tax reduction appears on tax bills as a credit. Citizens must pay the net amount due on the tax bill.

Decals cost \$33 each for cars and trucks and \$18 each for motorcycles.

Decal enforcement begins November 16. *Decals must be displayed on vehicles garaged in the city.* Information: 703-385-7900 (tax payments), 703-385-7880 (personal property tax information).



Don't Bag It! Leaf Collection Begins November 3

The City of Fairfax will offer curbside leaf collection from November 3 through January 2, 2015.

Please rake loose leaves to the curb — but do not bag them. Bagged leaves will not be collected during curbside leaf collection; landfills will not accept them as trash.

Light yard debris (such as grass clippings and weeds) may be included in leaf piles — but not stones, branches and other large items, which may cause injury to workers and damage equipment.

The city is divided into six sections, and leaves are collected in rotation by neighborhood, so please have all leaves raked to the curb by December 26 for prompt collection.

Crews circulate through neighborhoods at least once every two weeks, often more frequently. Heavy leaf fall or inclement weather may affect leaf collection.

The city is among the only local jurisdictions to provide this service at no additional charge to its residents.

Sign up for leaf collection information on Fairfax City Alert, the city's electronic message alert system.

Information: 703-385-LEAF.

Recycling, Disposal Information Available

The Public Works Department has two flyers available on the city website to help residents properly dispose of trash and recyclables:

- *How to Dispose of Items in the City, and*
- *Curbside Recycling is Easier Than Ever.*

Information: 703-293-7141.

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INFORMATION: 703-385-7837



Fire Department Begins Using Animal Oxygen Masks

The City of Fairfax Fire Department has equipped all city fire trucks and ambulances with pet oxygen masks (pictured, above) to help paramedics resuscitate animals.

Additionally, firefighters have been instructed how to approach and assess injured animals, proper carrying techniques for animals, basic pet first aid, and different methods to transport animals safely.

The department also has established relationships with animal control officers and area veterinarians to gain valuable information to aid our four-legged friends.

Information: 703-385-7940.

Partial Real Estate Tax Exemptions Available; Ends December 31

Residents who plan to substantially upgrade their older homes may be eligible for a partial real estate tax exemption. The exemption amount is based on the increased value of the residence that has been substantially rehabilitated, renovated or replaced. Exemptions are given for a 10-year period for single-family houses or duplexes at least 15 years old.

Applicant must apply for the exemption before construction begins (preferably as soon as required building permits are granted). The city assessor will establish the base value of the home before construction begins, and approve the exemption upon final inspection after construction is finished. *Applications will be accepted through December 31, 2014.*

Information: 703-385-7840.

Voter Registration Continues, Absentee Voting Begins for November 4 General Election

Registered voters in the City of Fairfax may cast ballots in the November 4 General and Special Elections for U.S. House of Representatives 11th District (one position), U.S. Senate (one position), a statewide constitutional amendment, and a local advisory referendum.

Sample ballots are available online and from the General Registrar's Office.

The deadline to register to vote in the November 4 election is October 14, 2014. Qualified city residents may register at the General Registrar's Office during normal business hours: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays (excluding holidays).

Absentee voting will be accepted through November 1 in the General Registrar's Office, located in the Sisson House next to City Hall. In-person absentee voting also will be available from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, October 25 and November 1 in the General Registrar's Office.

Voters should remember to bring photo identification to the polls. Those who do not have photo identification with them at the polls will be required to provide a copy of an acceptable ID to the Electoral Board no later than noon November 7. Information: 703-385-7890.

Volunteers Sought for Advisory Boards

- Board of Equalization of Real Estate Assessments (one vacancy)
- Commission for Women (one vacancy)
- Community Appearance Committee (one vacancy)

Applications will be considered at an upcoming City Council meeting following submission. Unless otherwise noted, city residency is required. Submit letters of interest and résumé (if available) to City Clerk Melanie Burrell. Vacancies are subject to change. Prospective applicants who represent diverse or minority groups are especially encouraged to apply. Information: 703-385-7935.



Fall Festival

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Juried fine artisans will sell hand-made wares such as jewelry, ceramics, toys, woodcrafts, needlework and more.

The All-American Lumberjack Show & Interactive Lumberjack Camp will feature professional lumberjacks competing in 11 different events against each other (sponsored by JL Tree Service).

Entertainment and activities are planned for festival-goers of all ages.

Admission to the festival is free, with fees for rides and some children's activities.

Some roads near the festival will be closed to traffic during the event — please see road closure information on page 1.

Children will have their own activities throughout the festival and will include musical entertainment by *Roc-knocerus*, *School of Rock*, magic, animal and puppet shows. Amusement rides

will have extended hours until 8 p.m.

The Main Stage will feature a beer garden and live music: *The Reflex* (the Ultimate '80's Tribute Band) and *Bruce in the USA* (A Musical Tribute to Bruce Springsteen & the E Street Band).

The Country Stage will feature a beer garden and live music: *Kevin MaC Band* and *SouthPaw*.

Enjoy cultural performances in Old Town Hall throughout the day with performances by *Main Street Community Band*, *Shepard's Pie* and *Woodson Drama*.

Check out the open house at Fire Station 3, 4031 University Drive.

Free shuttles will run from Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run, and from George Mason University, 4400 University Drive.

Handicapped and bicycle parking will be available in the parking lots of City Hall, Main and East streets and adjacent to Fire Station 3.

Festival rain date is October 12.

Information: www.FairfaxFallFestival.com, 703-385-7858.

CITYSCREEN SCHEDULE

The Fairfax Scene

Home energy efficiency and related programs offered through the Fairfax Renaissance Housing Corporation

Daily: 2 pm, 6 pm October 1-19

Highlights from the 2014 Fall Festival

Daily: 2 pm, 6 pm starting October 20

Archived online: "special programming."
Available on city's YouTube channel

Encore!


Encore musical performance, 4 pm daily.

Road to Recovery

Series produced by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services deals with many topics related to addiction, treatment and recovery

10 am, 7 pm on days when meetings/replays are not scheduled.

School Board


 Monday, October 6, 7:30 pm, LIVE replays:

Tuesday, October 7, 10 am
Thursday, October 9, 10 am, 7 pm
Monday, October 20, 10 am, 7 pm
Tuesday, October 21, 10 am, 7 pm
Thursday, October 23, 10 am, 7 pm
Archived online October 7

City Council

 Tuesday, October 7, 7 pm, LIVE replays:

Wednesday, October 8, 10 am, 7 pm
Friday, October 10, 10 am, 7 pm
Saturday, October 11, 10 am, 7 pm
Sunday, October 12, 10 am, 7 pm
Archived online October 8

 Tuesday, October 14, 7 pm, LIVE replays:


Wednesday, October 15, 10 am, 7 pm
Friday, October 17, 10 am, 7 pm
Saturday, October 18, 10 am, 7 pm

Sunday, October 19, 10 am, 7 pm
Archived online October 15
OnDEMAND October 22


 Tuesday, October 28, 7 pm, LIVE replays:

Wednesday, October 29, 10 am, 7 pm
Friday, October 31, 10 am, 7 pm
Saturday, November 1, 10 am, 7 pm
Sunday, November 2, 10 am, 7 pm
Archived online October 29
OnDEMAND November 5

Planning Commission

 Monday, October 13, 7 pm, LIVE replays:

Tuesday, October 14, 10 am
Thursday, October 16, 10 am, 7 pm
Archived online October 14

 Monday, October 27, 7 pm, LIVE replays:

Tuesday, October 28, 10 am
Thursday, October 30, 10 am, 7 pm
Archived online October 28

Proposed Agendas: School Board, City Council, Planning Commission

School Board

Information: 703-385-7910

October 6 regular meeting

- Student representative report.
- Presentation of the Virginia School Board Association certificates.
- Update of the governor's fiscal year 2014-15 budget.
- Presentation and public hearing on the five-year Capital Improvement Program.

October 20 work session

- Presentations: of membership report; of student achievement update; of School Board Policy Manual updates; of the Fairfax High School monopole; of updated Six-Year Plan.

City Council

Information: 703-385-7935

October 7 work session

- Discussion of dog tethering ordinance alternatives.
- Discussion of Roberts Road/Burke Station Road sidewalks.
- Discussion of city housing mix and related topics.

- Discussion of a request by Mantua Professional Center for the construction of residential condominiums.
- Discussion of a downtown park legacy donation policy and options.
- Discussion of financial responsibility for the staging of the cycling criterium for the police and fire games on Sunday, June 28, 2015.
- Discussion of the fiscal year 2013-14 financial results, fiscal year 2014-15 budget update, projections for fiscal year 2015-16, and suggested fiscal year 2015-16 budget guidelines.
- Discussion of a potential contribution to Lamb Center to reimburse for city-imposed development fees for facility relocation.

October 14 regular meeting

- Consent agenda: consideration of a resolution to approve the city's fiscal year 2015-16 revenue sharing application; consideration of an award of a contract for the Jermantown Road/Fairfax Boulevard road widening project.
- Public hearing on a supplemental appropriation for fiscal year 2014-15 30 percent NVT

money for the Old Town traffic study project (\$14,841) and Kamp Washington funding (\$1,056,000).

- Public hearing on the suggested fiscal year 2015-16 budget guidelines.

October 28 regular meeting

- Consideration of a resolution authorizing the city manager to enter into an agreement with Fairfax County Water Authority to provide sewer billing services for the city's Wastewater Utility Fund.
- Public hearing on a request for special use permits and special exceptions to allow a medical care facility at 10100 Fairfax Boulevard.
- Public hearing on a request by the Lamb Center for a special use permit for social service delivery on Campbell Drive.

Planning Commission

Information: 703-385-7930

October 13 regular meeting

October 27 regular meeting

- No agenda items have been set.



Summary of City Council meeting actions. For a complete copy, or for the minutes of meetings, call 703-385-7935.

City Council Reporter

September 9, 2014

Consent agenda

- Approved, unanimously, by voice vote: Introduction of an appropriation resolution in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 to conduct a planning workshop (“charrette”) for downtown in collaboration with the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) and George Mason University (Mason); Introduction of a resolution approving an appropriation of \$659,778 for synthetic turf installation at Fairfax High School; Consideration of a resolution approving the reimbursement of \$659,778 in expenditures relating to the acquisition and installation of synthetic turf at the Fairfax High School athletic field with lease proceeds; Consideration of an award of contract to TischlerBise in an amount not to exceed \$55,000 for a development related Fiscal/Economic Impact Model; Consideration of an amendment to revise a 1990 city policy regarding the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages on city property or on property under the city’s control during specific city sponsored events; Consideration of the fiscal year 2015-18 Community Services Board

State Performance Contract. (*Councilmember Greenfield was absent.*)

Items not requiring a public hearing

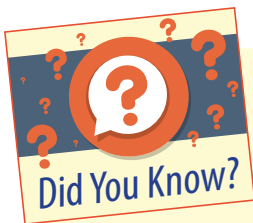
- Approved, unanimously, the adoption of a resolution approving a lease-purchase agreement with US Bancorp Government Leasing & Finance, Inc. for \$329,922.49 annually for five consecutive years to finance the purchase of synthetic turf for Fairfax High School’s athletic field and 14 vehicles and pieces of equipment in fiscal year 2014-15. (*Councilmember Greenfield was absent.*)
- Approved, 4-1, to approve a resolution naming the new downtown park “Old Town Square.” (*In favor: Councilmembers Loftus, Meyer, Miller, DeMarco; opposed: Councilmember Schmidt.*) (*Councilmember Greenfield was absent.*)

Actions out of closed meeting/Appointments to Boards and Commissions

- Reappointed Robert Kalmin as the business representative on the Board of Architectural Review; reappointed Fernando Sepulveda to the Board of Architectural Review; appointed Mark Angres to the Board of Architectural Review; reappointed Brian Knapp to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board;

appointed Sarah Nutter to the Economic Development Authority. (*Councilmember Greenfield was absent.*)

- * Approved, 4-1, to direct the city staff to negotiate the terms and form of an agreement with Fairfax Water, under which the city will agree to pay, on an accelerated basis, the amount due to Fairfax Water from the city for the city’s participation in the Fairfax Water System; and further move that this matter be placed on the September 23, 2014 City Council meeting agenda for consideration of the agreement when finalized. (*In favor: Councilmembers DeMarco, Meyer, Miller, Schmidt; opposed: Councilmember Loftus.*) (*Councilmember Greenfield was absent.*)
- * Approved, 4-1, an appropriation resolution in the amount not to exceed \$20 million to satisfy the city’s obligation due to Fairfax Water pursuant to the terms of the January 3, 2014, asset purchase agreement promissory note. (*In favor: Councilmembers DeMarco, Meyer, Miller, and Schmidt; opposed, Councilmember Loftus.*) (*Councilmember Greenfield was absent.*)



Old Town Construction Includes Lane Closures, Road Closures Through October



The city is undergoing multiple projects in Old Town Fairfax, which will involve lane closures and possible traffic delays, including the construction of a pedestrian barrier at North Street and Route 123/Chain Bridge Road.

The work zone of the pedestrian barrier (*see photo, left*) will close North Street’s right eastbound lane through October. The right northbound lane of Route 123 at this intersection will be closed periodically during construction through October.

The sidewalk on the south side of North Street will be closed at the work zone along the side of the Auld Shebeen restaurant. The sidewalk will remain open along Route 123 and access to the front (main entrance) of Auld Shebeen will not be affected. However, pedestrians crossing North Street will have to cross on the west side of Route 123. These closures are expected to continue through October. For road closure and traffic information from the city, sign up for Fairfax City Alert at www.fairfaxva.gov/fairfaxcityalert.

Community Calendar

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

City Government Information 703-585-7855
 City News and Events 703-273-1776
 Arts and Cultural Events 703-352-ARTS
 City of Fairfax Regional Library 703-293-6227
 Civil War Interpretive Center 703-591-0560
 Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center 703-385-8414
 George Mason University Events 703-993-1056

Calendar information is subject to last-minute change.

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Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex
 Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting, 7 pm, Green Acres Center
 Mason/Community Forum, 7:30 pm, Kings Park Library, 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke

2

City of Fairfax Democratic Committee meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex
 The Blue Room, 8 pm, GMU's TheatreSpace

3

Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)
 Almost, Maine, 8 pm, Mason TheatreSpace
 Alonzo King LINES Ballet, 8 pm, Center for the Arts

4

Commissioner of the Revenue, Treasurer offices open from 9 am to noon
 Farmers' Market
 Ratcliffe-Allison House free guided tours, 11 am to 2 pm, 10386 Main Street
 Swing Dances at Sherwood, 8 pm (free lessons at 7:30 pm), Sherwood Center


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Aquila Theatre: Wuthering Heights, 7 pm, Center for the Arts
 The Blue Room, 8 pm, Mason TheatreSpace

6

Commissioner of the Revenue, Treasurer offices open from 5-7 pm
 Mr. Skip, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall
 Virginia Opera: Aria and Duets, 7 pm, Sherwood Center
 School Board meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex

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 City Council work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex
 Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex

8

Economic Development Authority meeting, 6 pm, Mason Enterprise Center
 Historic Fairfax City, Inc., meeting, 7 pm, Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim

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Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex

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Virginia Sales Tax Holiday: Energy Star and WaterSense qualified products — see page 2
 Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)
 Amici Vocal Ensemble, 8 pm, Old Town Hall

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Virginia Sales Tax Holiday: Energy Star and WaterSense qualified products — see page 2
 Celebrating Nurses with Mason School of Nursing, 8 am to 4 pm, George Mason University
 Fall Festival, 10 am to 5 pm, Old Town Fairfax — page 1


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Virginia Sales Tax Holiday: Energy Star and WaterSense qualified products — see page 2
 Farmers' Market
 Second Sunday Series: Taking Tea: Teatime Across the Centuries, 2 pm, Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center (reservations required)

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General District Court closed in observance of Columbus Day
 Virginia Sales Tax Holiday: Energy Star and WaterSense qualified products — see page 2
 Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex

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Last day to register to vote before the November 4 General Election
 City Council meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex

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Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex

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Great SouthEast ShakeOut, 10:16 am (www.shakeout.org/southeast)
 Friday Morning Music Club, 11 am, Old Town Hall
 Fairfax Art League reception, 7 pm, Old Town Hall
 City of Fairfax Republican Committee meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex

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Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)
 Dr. Ralph Stanley and The Clinch Mountain Boys: Farewell Tour, 8 pm, Center for the Arts

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Farmers' Market, 8 am to 1 pm, 10500 Page Avenue
 Ratcliffe-Allison House free guided tours, 11 am to 2 pm, 10386 Main Street
 A Toast to the Animals sponsored by Humane Society of Fairfax County, 1:30 pm, Paradise Springs Winery, Clifton

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Farmers' Market, 10 am to 2 pm, 10500 Page Avenue (at Main Street)

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Old Town Hall Children's Performance Series, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall
 School Board work session, 7:30 pm, Fairfax High School

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Commission on the Arts meeting, 7 pm, Sherwood Center
 Commission for Women meeting, 7:15 pm, City Hall

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Visual Voices: A Girl Like Her, 7 pm, Harris Theatre
 The Mystery of Edwin Drood, 8 pm, Center for the Arts

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Fairfax High School homecoming — events include parade at 4 pm on Old Lee Highway (traffic detours in effect)
 Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3
 United States Navy Band — Skipjack Quartet, 8 pm, Old Town Hall

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General Registrar's Office open from 8:30 am to 5 pm
 Farmers' Market
 Ratcliffe-Allison House free guided tours
 The Little Women of Virginia: The Adventures of a Navy Widow and her Daughters During the Civil War, 2 pm, Historic Blenheim

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Farmers' Market, 10 am to 2 pm, 10500 Page Avenue (at Main Street)
 Fairfax Symphony Orchestra, 2 pm, Harris Theatre
 The Mystery of Edwin Drood, 8 pm, Center for the Arts

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 Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex

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 City Council meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex

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Jazz Combos, 8 pm, de Laski Performing Arts Building

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Halloween — trick or treating, 5-8 pm
 Cirque Peking, 8 pm, Center for the Arts

Events at George Mason University, including concerts and student activities, may affect traffic in the city. Information: today.gmu.edu, 703-993-1056



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City Happenings

Arts Grant Application Due October 6

Local arts organizations may apply for the city's Commission on the Arts annual grants, which may fund a myriad of artistic endeavors including education, creating art and new arts organizations in the city. Applications are due by 5 p.m. October 6. Information: fairfaxarts@fairfaxva.gov, 703-352-ARTS.

Children's Performance Series Continues October 6

The Children's Performance Series continues at 10:30 a.m. on the first and third Mondays of the month in Old Town Hall, sponsored by the Fairfax Commission on the Arts. Information: www.fairfaxarts.org.

Learn about Tea, Little Women October 12, 25

Taking Tea: Teatime Across the Centu-

ries is a presentation on the traditions and history of teatime, followed by a tasting of tea and baked goods. Cost is \$8 per person and seating is limited. The event will be held at 2 pm October 12 at the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main Street. Reservations: 703-385-8415.

Learn about *The Little Women of Virginia: The Adventures of a Navy Widow and Her Daughters during the Civil War* at 2 p.m. October 25 at the Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway. Information: 703-591-0560.

Lego Movie Night Offered October 24

Children and their parents are invited to attend a Lego Party with Legos, dinner and a movie from 6-9 p.m. October 24 at the Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway.

The event includes a Legos mini-kit and dinner. Cost per child is \$12 (with parents present) or \$32 (with activities supervised by Parks and Recreation staff). Information: 703-385-7858.

Heroes, Villains and Legends Part of City Band Concert November 1

Join the City of Fairfax Band as it presents its concert on *Heroes, Villains and Legends* at 7:30 p.m. November 1 at Fairfax High School. Children are invited to participate in a costume contest and trick-or-treat before the concert.

Cost is \$10 for seniors age 60 and older and \$15 per adult age 19-59. Concertgoers age 18 and younger may attend for free. Information: www.fairfaxband.org, 571-336-CFBA.

Library Lovers: Check Out Huddleson Memorial Library in Old Town Hall

Immerse yourself in history and mystery on the second floor of Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, via the Huddleson Memorial Library.

The Huddleson Library is open from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. weekdays. Information: 703-352-ARTS.